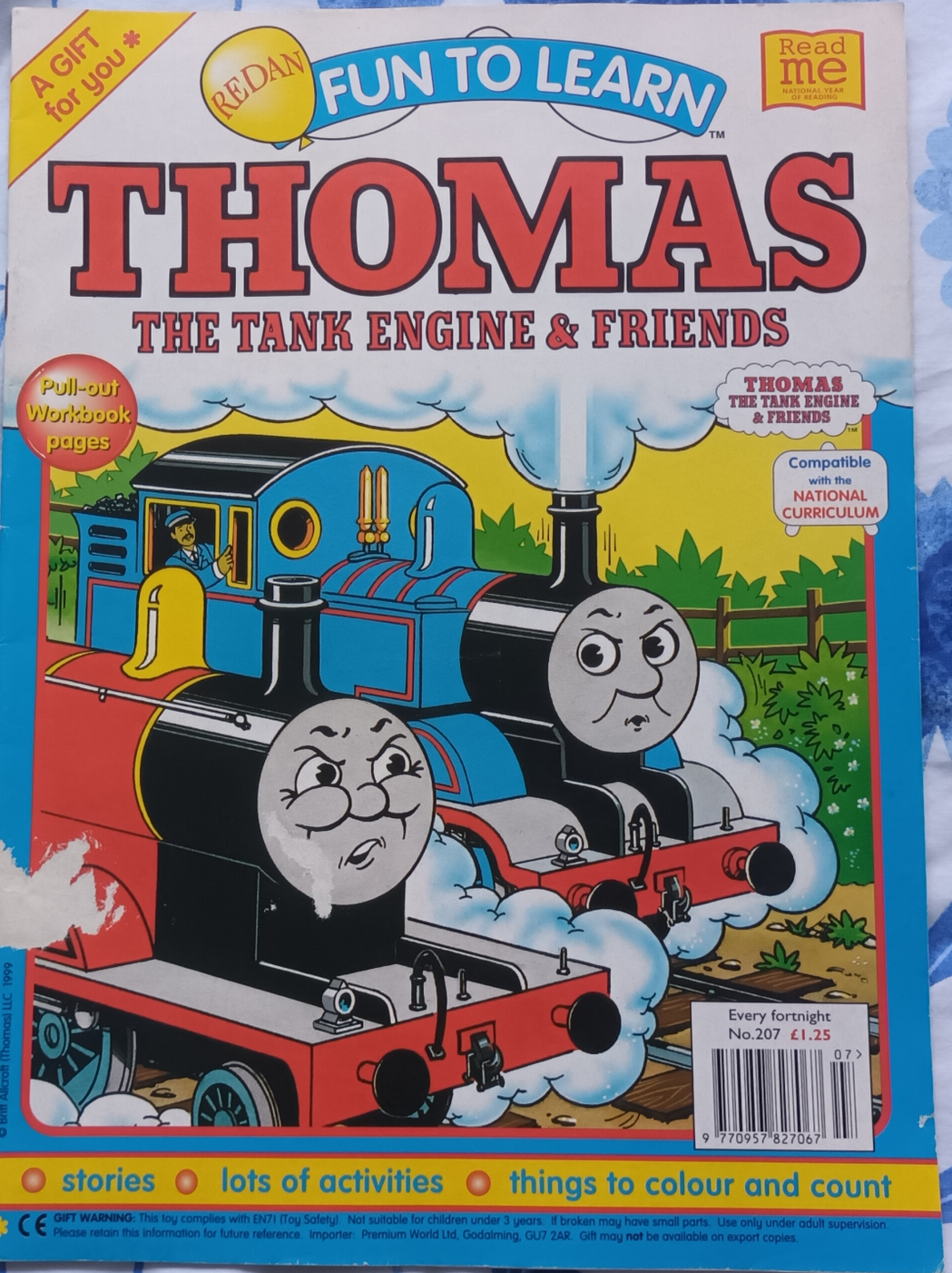
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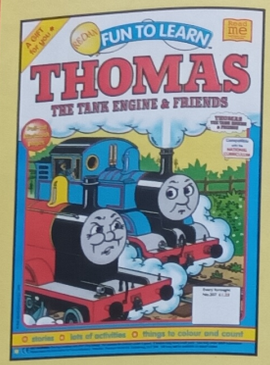

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A read aloud story

DUNCAN GETS CROSS

1 Duncan works on the narrow gauge railway with the other little engines. He works hard but sometimes gets in a bad temper. One day, some passengers were at the station taking pictures of Skarloey and Rheneas. Duncan arrived with some trucks and wanted to have his photograph taken as well but the passengers said they had to catch James' train.

2 Duncan was cross. "I do all the work around here while you two sit at the station and have your picture taken." It was not true but Duncan was in a bad temper. Duncan went off, huffing and puffing, to get some coal. While he was away, lots of people arrived at the station.

3 "They have been to see a football match," said Rheneas. "Gordon brought them here at lunch time and Henry's train will take them home soon." Skarloey smiled. "I think we should play a trick on Duncan!" he said. The two engines spoke to their driver, who agreed with their plan.

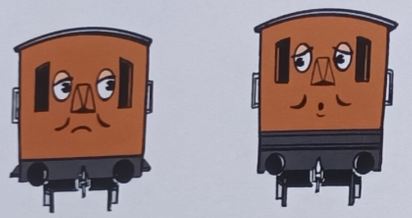
4 They hurried off to their yard and collected every coach they could find. They lined them up on the platform and waited for Duncan to come back. The passengers all crossed over the little railway to see what was happening.

5 When Duncan arrived he saw a long line of coaches and a huge crowd of people. "It's your next train, Duncan," said Skarloey. "We've got extra coaches for you as you have to take these people," said Rheneas. Duncan was speechless! Then he said, "Won't one of you help me, please? I can't pull all those coaches alone. I'm sorry I was cross."

6 "That's all right, Duncan. We were only joking," said Skarloey. Just then, Henry arrived. All the passengers crossed back and got in his train. At first Duncan was cross at the trick, but soon he laughed too.

COUNTING TIME

Sometimes the engines, trucks and staff on the Fat Controller's railway can be grumpy and bad tempered! Here are some of them to count.



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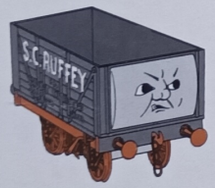

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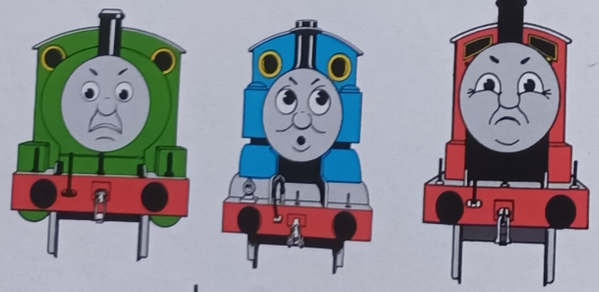

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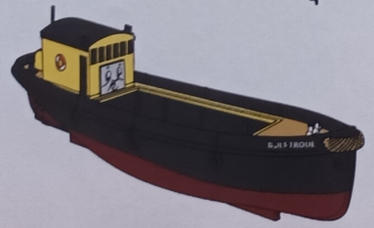

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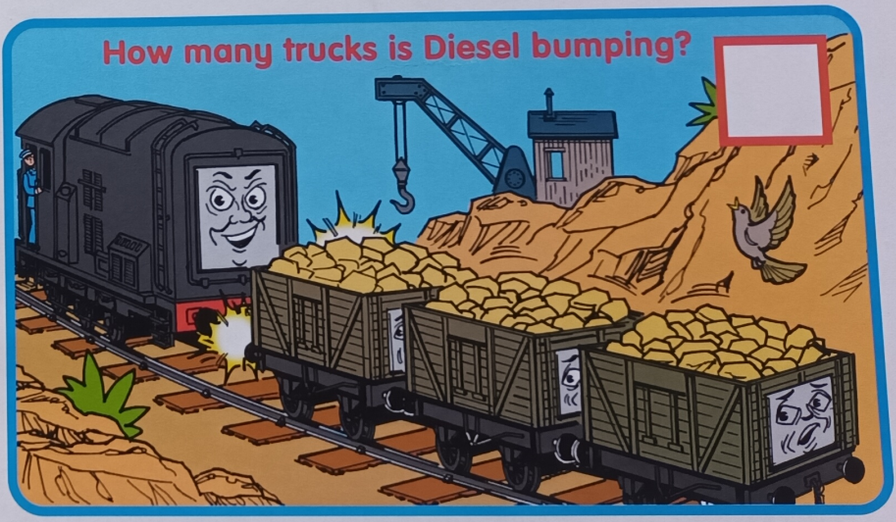
How many trucks is Diesel bumping?



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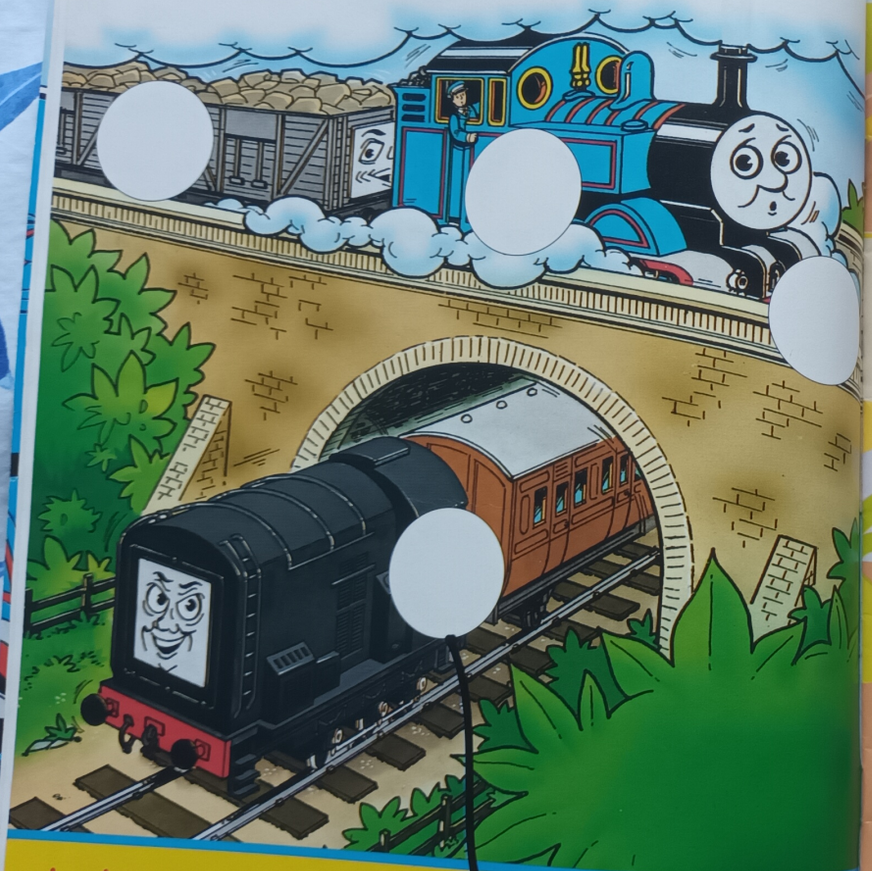

Look and Find

Draw a line to show where these circles belong in the picture. One has been done for you.

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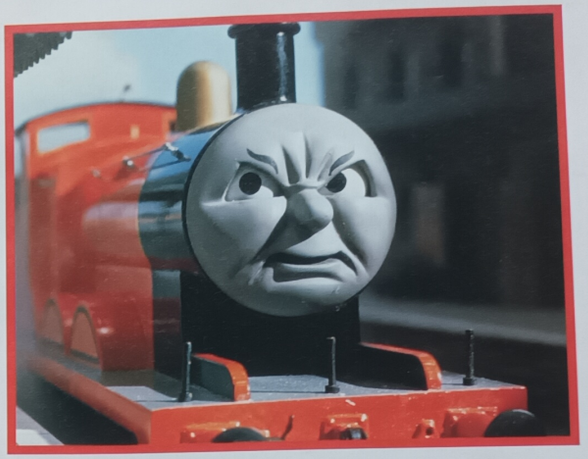
Point to the steam.

How many people can you see in the picture?

How many portholes does Skarloey have?

Oh dear, here's another engine that is in a bad mood. Toby is being moved out of his shed. "I'm too old to be dashing about like this!" he complains.

Point to Toby's lamp.



James is in a bad mood because he had to fetch his own coaches. "A **splendid** red engine like me should never have to do that," he complains. "I'm going to give the coaches a good bump!"

Write over the letters starting at the dots.

james

Sir Handel is looking very grumpy. He doesn't feel like working today and is being very rude to his two coaches.

What colours are they?

Put a tick ✓ in the boxes next to the correct colours.

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connect

Finish off the picture by joining the dots to find out who is always bad tempered.

It is bulgy

(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

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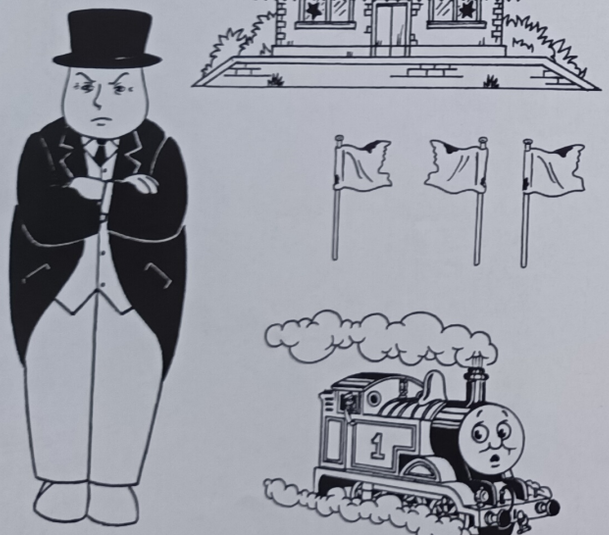

broken windows

tatty flags

late engine

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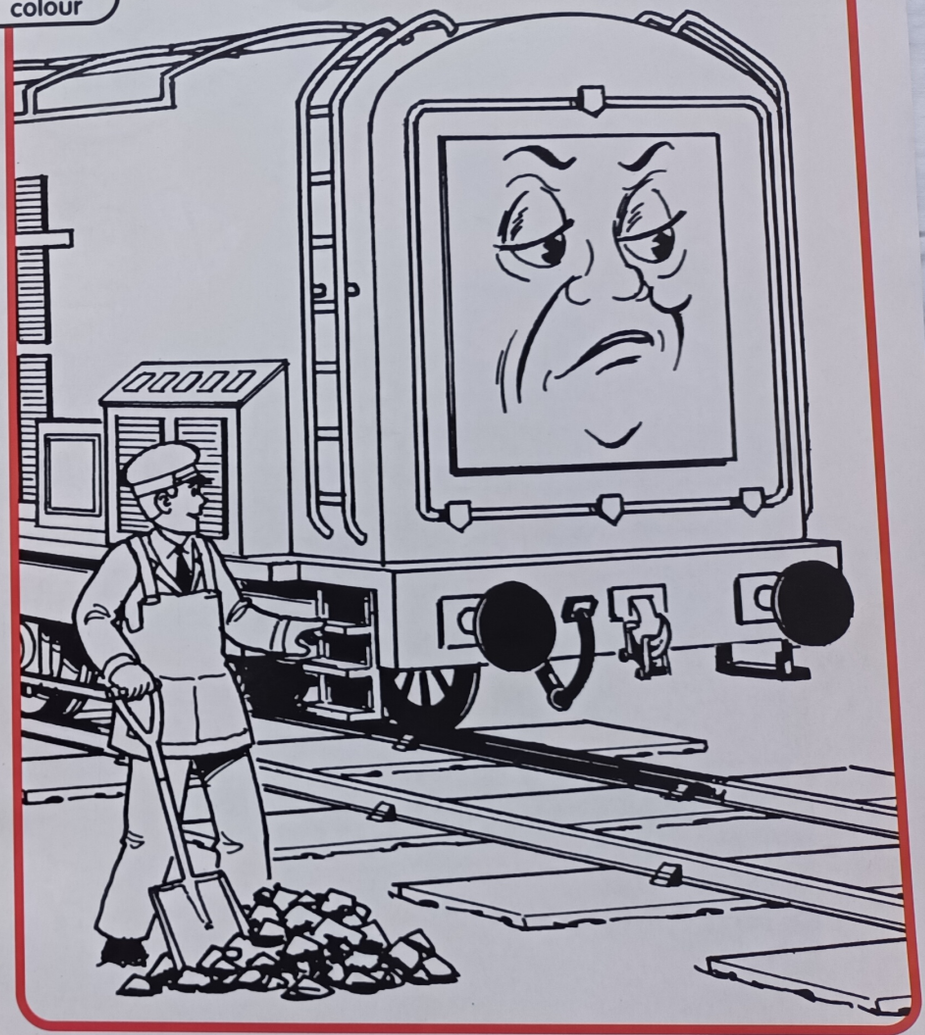

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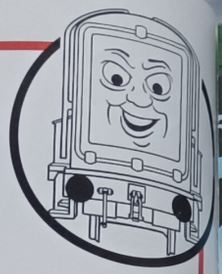

d is for diesel

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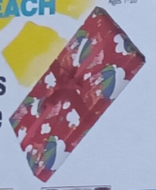

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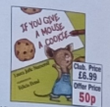

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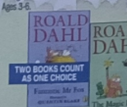

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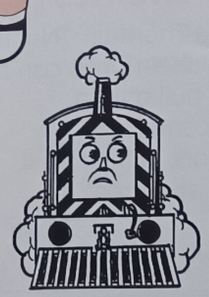
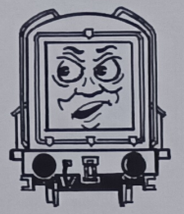
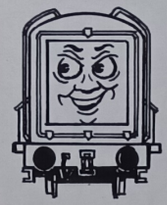
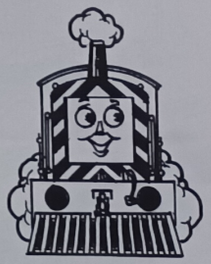
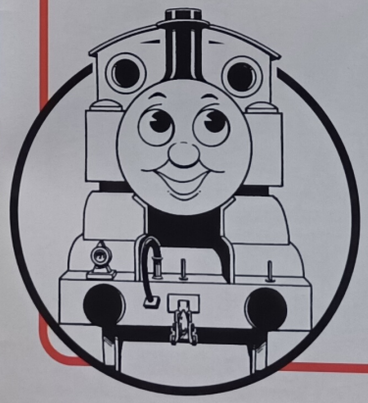






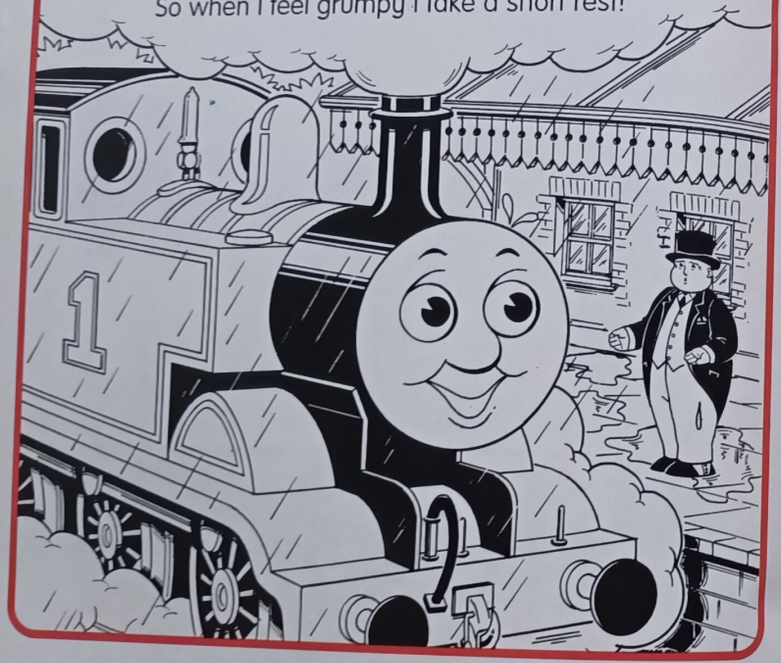




Draw a circle round the engine that is the **odd one out**.

BAD TEMPERED ENGINES

"I'm never bad tempered!" says Thomas. "Not me!
I'm always good tempered, as cheerful as can be!
No grumbles or groans when I pull a train.
Whatever the weather, I never complain!
Bad tempered engines can't work at their best,
So when I feel grumpy I take a short rest!"



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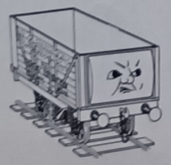
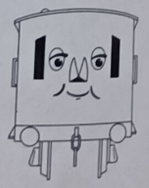
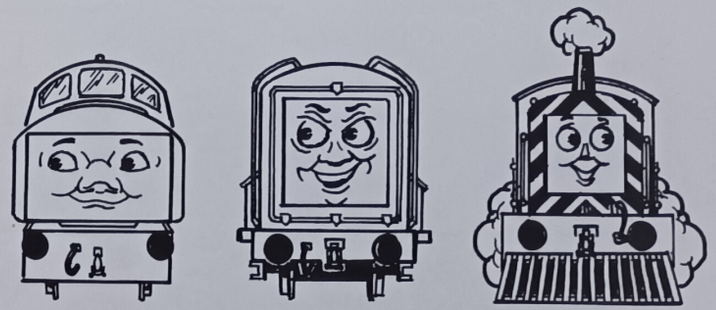




Follow the lines from each engine to see which one is going to fill up with fuel.

Boco **Diesel** **Mavis**



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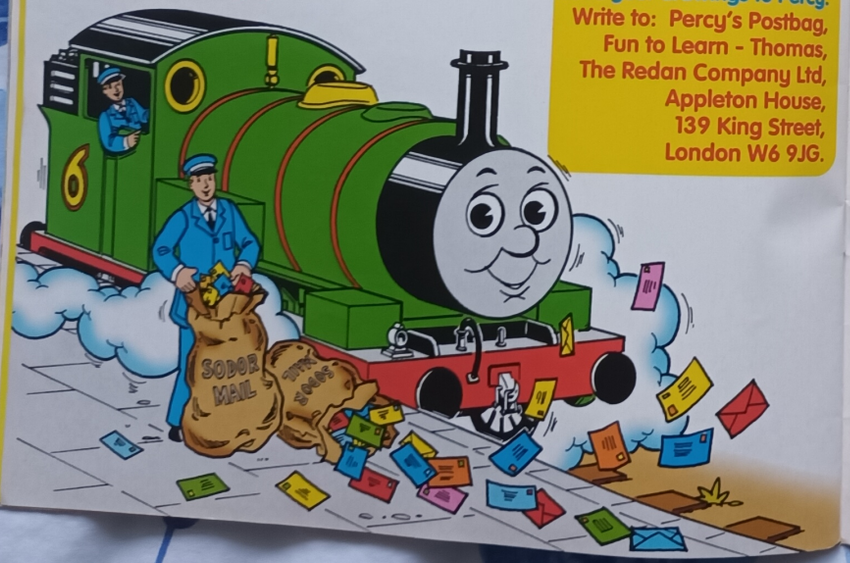
Trevor Works Hard

Alexander Halves, 5, *Hinxworth*



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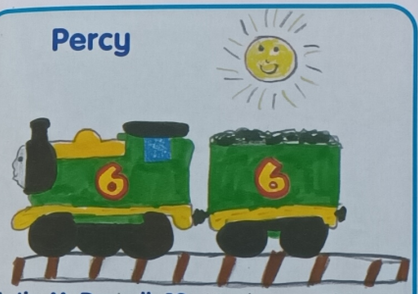

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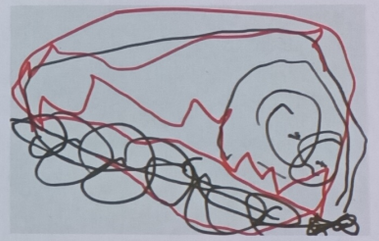

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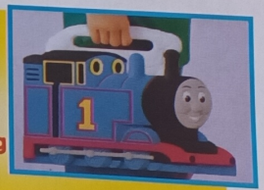

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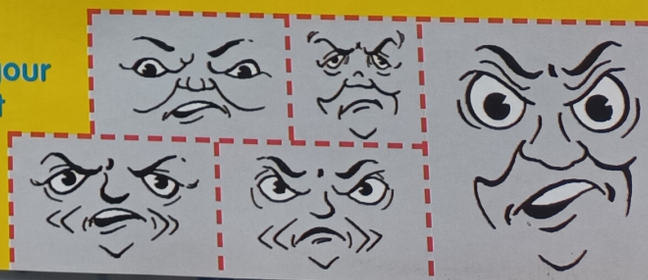

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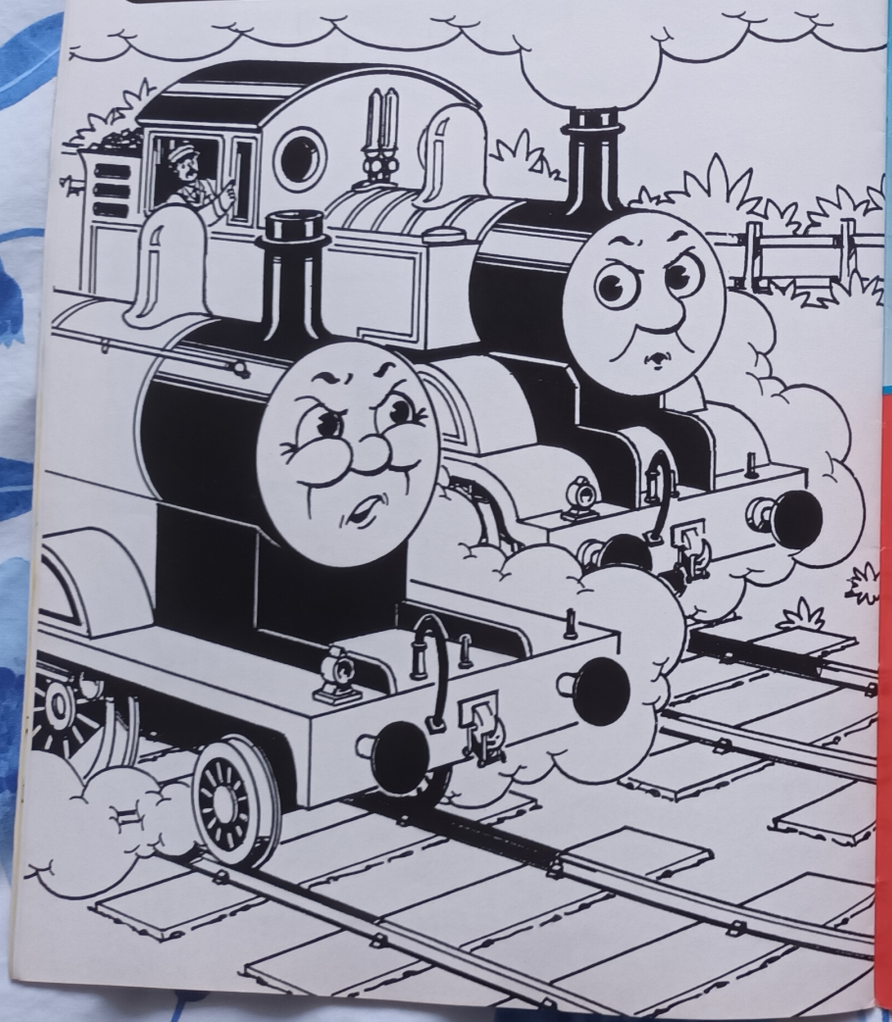

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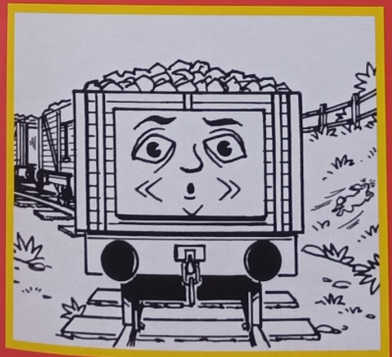
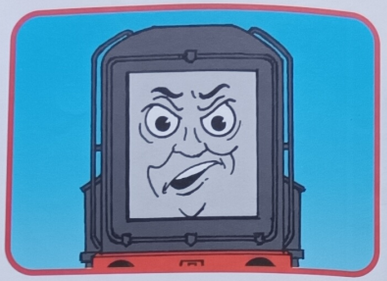


When you have finished, colour in the pictures.

DIFFERENCES: the rabbit, the coupling chain and the rocks in the second truck back.

Diesel

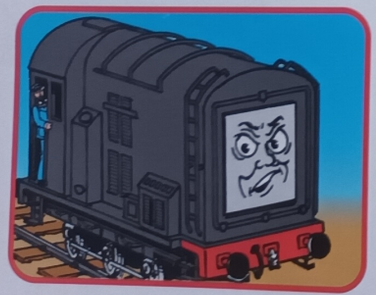
"What's wrong, Diesel?" asked Duck. "You look very bad tempered!"



"I'm not bad tempered!" snapped Diesel. "Not like some engines!"

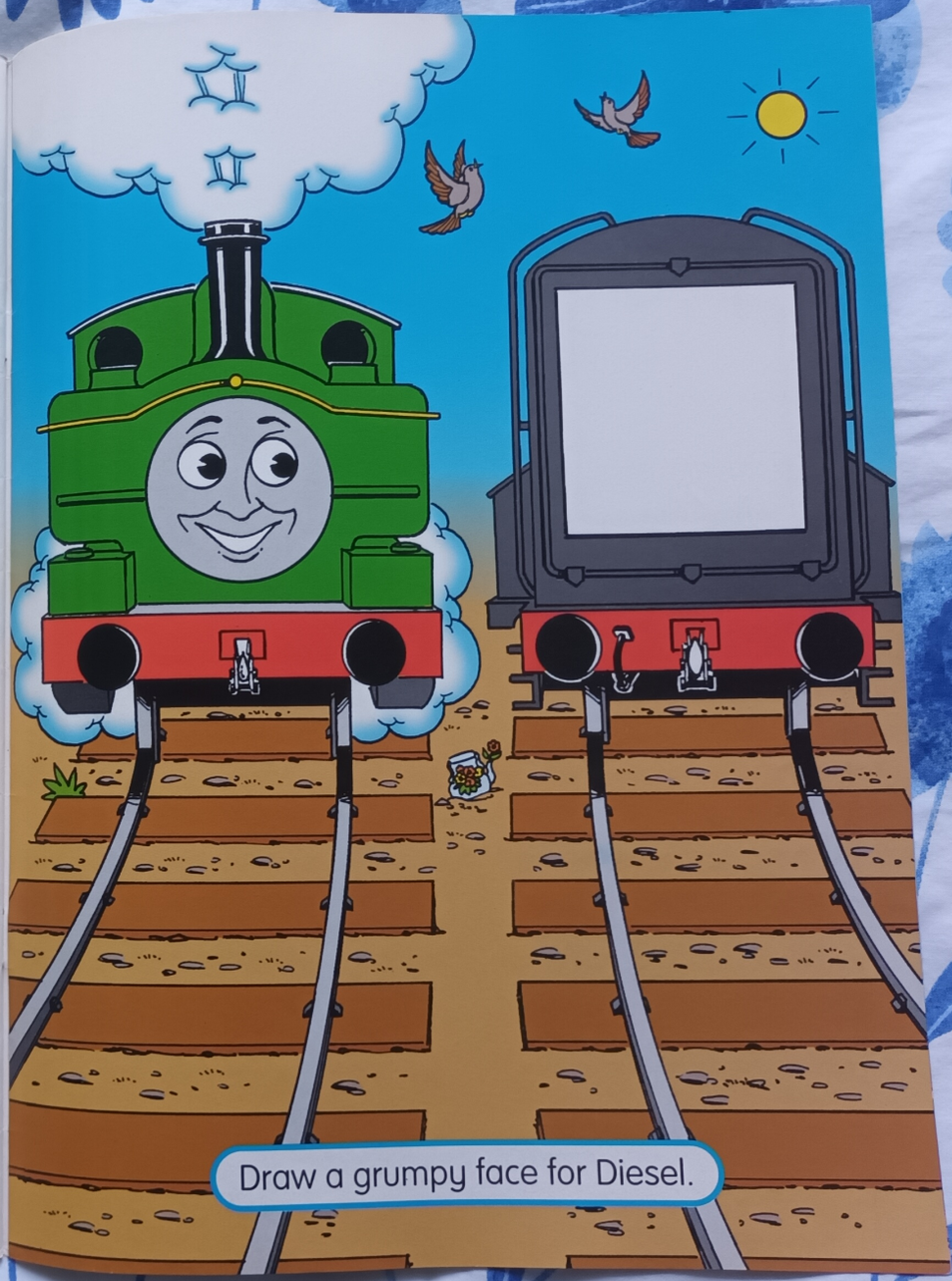
"James gets in a bad mood when he runs out of steam." said Diesel.

"And Henry was grumpy when he had to wait in the rain for his driver!"



"An engine who works as hard as me has a right to be bad tempered."

Duck just laughed. Diesel went off feeling crosser than ever!



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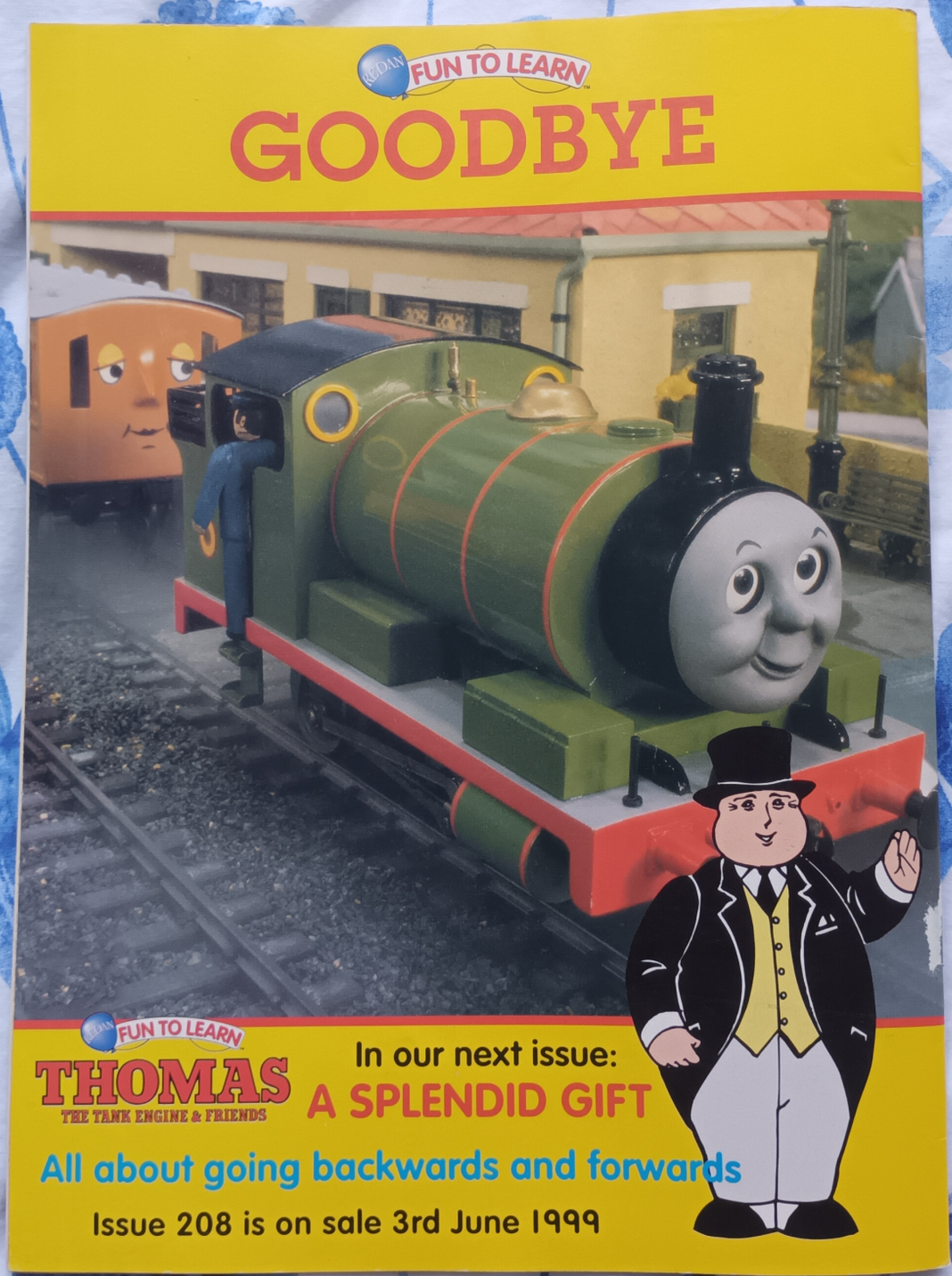
How many red signals does she pass on her way?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